

Crop Weather Report

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Agricultural Summary

There were 5.6 days suitable for field work during the week.

Montana experienced high temperatures in the low 80s last week. Culbertson and Glendive tied with a high temperature of 91 degrees. The lows for the state were mainly in the low 20s. Wisdom had the low temperature of 17 degrees. The state experienced precipitation across the state last week, with snow in the higher elevations. West Glacier received the most moisture last week with 3.54 inches of precipitation. Topsoil moisture is 28% adequate and surplus, decreasing from last week's 30%, and below last year's 44%, but above the five-year average of 26%. Subsoil moisture is 22% adequate and surplus, increasing from last week's 19%, below last year's 26%, but above the five-year average of 15%.

The weather outlook for the week of October 10th through October 16th is for above normal temperatures and near normal precipitation west of the divide and above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation east of the divide. State normals for temperatures are highs in the mid 50s to mid 60s, and lows in the mid 20s to 40.

Soil Moisture Condition	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg.
Topsoil Moisture				
Very Short	31	21	20	35
Short	41	49	36	39
Adequate	28	29	41	25
Surplus	0	1	3	1
Subsoil Moisture				
Very Short	36	31	39	50
Short	42	50	35	35
Adequate	22	18	24	14
Surplus	0	1	2	1

Days Suitable For Fieldwork	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg.
Days	5.6	6.0	6.3	6.3

Field Crops Report

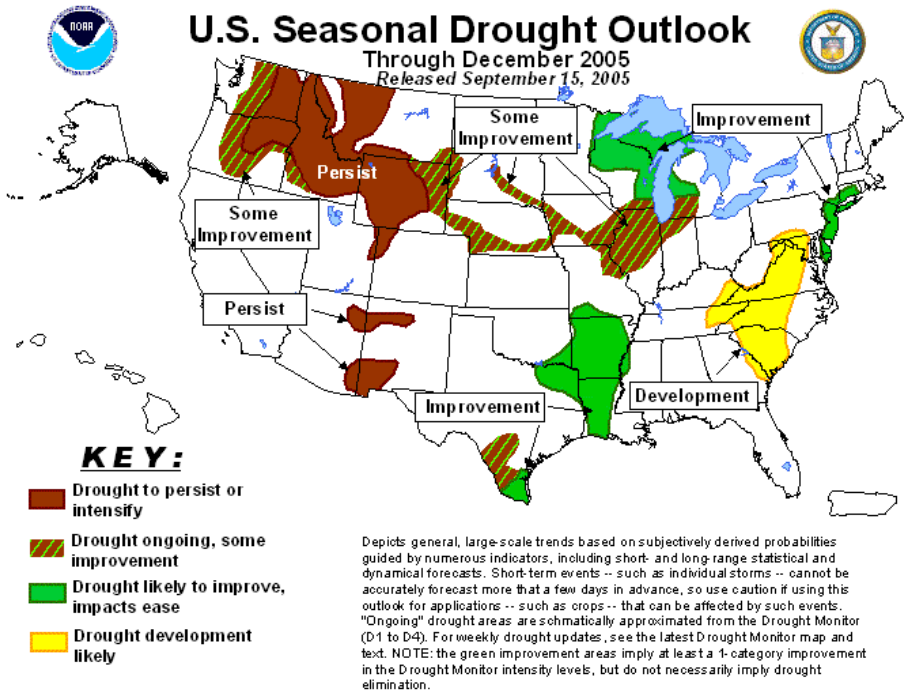
Winter wheat emerged at 17% is behind last year's 39% and the five-year average of 23%. Winter wheat seeding is 74% planted behind last year's 83%, but ahead of the five-year average of 67%. Durum wheat harvested is near completion at 97%, well ahead of last year's 67%, and just ahead of the five-year average of 92%. Barley harvested, at 98%, is just behind last year's 99%, but the same as the five-year average. Dry bean harvest is 82%, ahead of the 80% five-year average, and ahead of last year's 75%. Alfalfa hay second cutting is 99%, ahead of last year's 98%, but the same as the five-year average. Other hay second cutting is 97%, ahead of last year's 86%, and the five-year average of 94%.

Crop Progress	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Planted	74	71	83	67
Emerged	17	10	39	23
Durum Wheat				
Harvested	97	96	67	92
Barley				
Harvested	98	97	99	98
Dry Beans				
Harvested	82	81	75	80
Hay – Second Cutting				
Alfalfa Hay	99	98	98	99
Other Hay	97	94	86	94

Livestock Report

Range and pasture feed conditions were reported 10% very poor, 16% poor, 42% fair, 30% good, and 2% excellent. Last year's range and pasture feed conditions were 22% very poor, 24% poor, 33% fair, 18% good and 3% excellent. Ranchers have moved 42% of cattle and calves, and 39% of sheep and lambs off summer ranges.

Range and Pasture Feed Condition	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg.
Very poor	10	10	22	32
Poor	16	22	24	31
Fair	42	39	33	26
Good	30	26	18	10
Excellent	2	3	3	1
Movements From Summer Ranges				
Cattle & Calves	42	37	43	48
Sheep & Lambs	39	33	49	51



Weather Information for the Week ending 10/02/2005

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